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Dear Dick:

Over the week-end I had the chance to read the full text of your talk to the American Society of Newspaper Editors. I think that you did a masterful job preparing a talk which was informative, interesting and yet discretely within the bounds of propriety and security. My hearty congratulations.

I also had the chance to read Ben Wells' article which appeared in the New York Times Magazine Section which I think was highly complimentary to you; again extremely interesting, if not perhaps, a little bit too informative. It seems to me that the author did a great deal of research before preparing the piece and managed to interview a tremendous number of people in and out of government, many of whom perhaps did not even know that they were giving as much detailed data as eventually appeared in print.

I understand that Ben is shortly to prepare another piece on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and I wonder what will be forthcoming.

Again my congratulations and best wishes.

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Sincerely,



Mr. Richard Helms
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

*P.S. I am having
luncheon with Wells
today at his invitation and Henry's
knowledge! Love.*